

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 20, 2015

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 584**

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**Introduced by Senator Nguyen**

February 26, 2015

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An act to ~~amend~~ *add* Section ~~21061~~ *21080.06* of the Public Resources Code, relating to the environment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 584, as amended, Nguyen. California Environmental Quality Act. *Act: exemption.*

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared by contract, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report, as defined, on a project that may have a significant effect on the environment, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. *The act also requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. CEQA exempts specified projects from its provisions.*

~~This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the definition of "environmental impact report." exempt from the requirements of CEQA a project for the resurfacing of a city or county park, as specified.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 21080.06 is added to the Public Resources  
2 Code, to read:

3     21080.06. This division does not apply to a project for the  
4 resurfacing of a city or county park. For purposes of this section,  
5 “resurfacing” means changing the surface of a field while  
6 retaining the original purpose of the park as a recreational facility,  
7 including, but not limited to, changing a grass field to a baseball  
8 field or an artificial turf field.

9     SECTION 1. Section 21061 of the Public Resources Code is  
10 amended to read:

11     21061. (a) “Environmental impact report” means a detailed  
12 statement setting forth the matters specified in Sections 21100 and  
13 21100.1. The information or data that is relevant to the statement  
14 and is a matter of public record, or is generally available to the  
15 public need not be repeated in its entirety in the statement, but may  
16 be specifically cited as the source for conclusions stated in the  
17 statement. The information or data shall be briefly described in  
18 the statement. The relationship between the information or data to  
19 the environmental impact report shall be indicated in the statement.  
20 The source of the information and data shall be reasonably  
21 available for inspection at a public place or public building. An  
22 environmental impact report also includes any comments that are  
23 obtained pursuant to Section 21104 or 21153, or that are required  
24 to be obtained pursuant to this division.

25     (b) An environmental impact report is an informational  
26 document that, when its preparation is required by this division,  
27 shall be considered by every public agency before its approval or  
28 disapproval of a project. The purpose of an environmental impact  
29 report is to provide public agencies and the public in general with  
30 detailed information about the effect that a proposed project is  
31 likely to have on the environment, to list ways in which the  
32 significant effects of the proposed project might be minimized,  
33 and to indicate alternatives to the proposed project.

34     (c) In order to facilitate the use of environmental impact reports,  
35 public agencies shall require that the reports contain an index or  
36 table of contents and a summary. Failure to include the index, table

1 ~~of contents, or summary shall not constitute a cause of action~~  
2 ~~pursuant to Section 21167.~~

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